

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. FOURTH CYCLE MSIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE

We have received several calls and e-mails in the last few days concerning changes in the survey schedule to follow up with graduates. That information and much more concerning Fourth Cycle MSIP is now available. To view all information pertaining to Fourth Cycle MSIP, go to <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/sia/msip/4th%20Cycle%20Information.html>

B. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Each year we update our distribution list of district guidance contacts with data entered on Screen 03 of Core Data. In the past, some information on that screen has been erroneously listed and that has resulted in numerous non-delivery messages to us when items are sent out. We would ask that you check not only your information, but if you get a chance, ask counselors in neighboring districts to check and make sure they are also receiving the Digest. If they are not receiving the Digest, have them contact John Robbins by phone at 573-522-1488 or e-mail: john@robbins@dese.mo.gov so that they can also receive timely information to help them in their work with students.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

A reminder.

The Grade Level Expectations (GLE's) that show the expected outcome for all three areas of curriculum, Personal and Social Development, Academic Development and Career Development are available for downloading at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/GLE.html>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. INFORMATION ON REVISED RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL CORE CURRICULUM AVAILABLE.

Please take some time to review the revised Recommended High School Core Curriculum adopted by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education for implementation with the class of 2010. It is available here: <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/mdhecentralhscorecurriculum.shtml>

The new core curriculum is substantially aligned with revised graduation requirements adopted by the State Board of Education, although course content descriptions may differ. The above site also details the role and applicability of the new core curriculum. Further questions may be directed to the Missouri Department of Higher Education at 573-751-5221.

B. CAREER EXPLORATION TOOL AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

Mapping Your Future (MYF) Sponsors and Friends provide CareerShip, a free, online career exploration tool to students, families, and schools — through their support of MYF. CareerShip, located at mapping-your-future.org/features/careership/, is designed for middle and high school students, but can be used by career seekers of any age.

C. THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE KUDER SYSTEM FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR:

Enhanced! Education Planner--Individuals can manage their education plan by adding and removing courses from a list their administrator has entered. The administrator can provide each course with an ID, title, grade level, category, grouping, credits, and grade.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Title IX Coordinator, 5th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480; telephone number 573-751-4581.

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Enhanced! Occupation Exploration--The career exploration pages have been divided into five simple categories: Overview, About, Characteristics, Education, and Income. New to the Occupation Exploration are detailed work activities, education trends, state and national wage information, link to employer locator, and resources for additional information.

NEW! Job Interview Planning--Plan for an interview with information on objectives, preparation, common questions, stages, and follow up in the new Job Interview Planning section of the Plan for the Future area.

NEW! Training, News, and Events --Access information regarding news releases and upcoming trainings and conferences from your Kuder system home page.

NEW! Spell Check--The Resumé Builder and Note Taker section now feature a spell check component. Individuals can spell check sections as they are added.

Enhanced! Format and Look--New graphics, colors, and photographs have been added for an improved look.

Enhanced! Post a Message--Administrators have the ability to edit a message even after it has been posted.

NEW! Military Occupation Search--Now through the Occupation Search, individuals have the option to include a list of military occupations.

NEW! Kuder Skills Assessment-College and Adult--A new version of the *Kuder Skills Assessment*, specific to college students and adults, will be available.

Enhanced! Occupation Search--It is now easier to search for occupations by keyword or Holland code.

Enhanced! Super's Work Values Inventory Report--Individuals can read about working adults whose job satisfies a particular work value and see a list of occupations that match their work values profiles.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

A. RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK.

Suicide Prevention week is September 10-16 2006 and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) has a list of ideas and resources available to those interested in participating. to see them, go to: <http://www.sprc.org/library/spweek.pdf>

Other information about suicide prevention activities is available

An online calendar of suicide prevention related events has been updated with several new items, including an ASIST workshop in St. Louis and a Kansas City presentation by the nationally known author, researcher, consultant, and professor of clinical psychology David Jobes. You can view the entire list at: <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

A. TOOLKIT FOR HISPANIC FAMILIES TO BE AVAILABLE

To close the achievement gap for Hispanic children, the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans has recommended setting new and high expectations by: helping parents navigate the education system; creating partnerships to provide expanded options for children; and implementing a public awareness campaign aimed at achieving higher education.

To help fulfill this purpose, the U.S. Department of Education, in collaboration with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, will release an updated version of the *Tool Kit for Hispanic Families* during this back-to-school season.

A colorful, illustrated resource, the tool kit was developed with guidance from over 1,800 Hispanic parents at Parent Information and Resource Centers across the country. For more information on this go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/news/newsletters/achiever/2006/0906.html#8>

B. INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AVAILABLE.

A "Back to School Issue" is available at: http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/TechEd/TE_Update-34.pdf or

at http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/teched_news.htm and clicking on the pdf icon for current newsletter. The TE Update is news for all Missouri Technology Education Professionals to inform you of the latest activities and information concerning the Technology Education Profession.

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CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MSCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE--SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2006 AT THE BEST WESTERN CAPITAL INN,

JEFFERSON CITY To see a brochure about this conference, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/LDC%20Brochure.pdf>

B. TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE :

A training on MENTAL HEALTH AND DISASTERS: A BASIC APPROACH FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at St. Louis University. Registration is through the St. Louis University Learning Management System (LMS System) This is a no-cost one-day workshop designed to introduce school administrators, counselors and nurses to the unique aspects of disaster mental health in a school setting. The workshop will include information on disaster response, the potential reactions in children of different age groups, attention to children with special needs and intervention strategies to help children and adults cope. To register go to <http://www.heartlandcenters.com/Public/> and click on Register with Us on the left-hand menu bar. If you have any difficulty, please contact Christy McFarland, Heartland Centers' LMS Coordinator, by phone at 314-977-8295 or by e-mail at mcfarlem@slu.edu.

C. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER SERVICES (MACS-FORMERLY MISSOURI PLACEMENT ASSOCIATION) FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2006 AT THE NEW COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT IN COLUMBIA, MO.

To LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION GO TO [HTTP://WWW.MO-ACTE.ORG/](http://www.mo-acte.org/) OR TO DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONFERENCE, GO TO [HTTP://MACS.MO-ACTE.ORG/DOCUMENTS/MACS06FALLREGISTRATIONFORM.PDF](http://MACS.MO-ACTE.ORG/DOCUMENTS/MACS06FALLREGISTRATIONFORM.PDF)

D. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE AT TAN TAR A NOV 5-7, 2006 WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOV 4.

For a conference preview go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConfPrev%200728.pdf> . To download a registration form, go to: <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2006%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

E. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE, NOV 12-14, 2006 AT TAN TAR A.

For current information go to: <http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html>

F. 2006 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH EXPO, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006 at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

For information and registration information, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm>